

Amendments to the Drawings

Kindly replace original drawing Figs. 2, 34, 29, 38 and 39 with the enclosed replacement drawings.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2010. In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that the application is in condition for allowance except for a number of minor informalities.

In response, the abstract has been amended to comply with the guidelines set forth in MPEP 608.01(b). The substitute abstract is a single paragraph and is less than 150 words. The revised abstract is now a concise statement of the technical disclosure of the present application. No new matter has been added.

Further, Figs. 34, 38 and 39 have been amended to correct the typographical errors identified by the Examiner. Also, an improved quality version of Fig. 29 is provided.

Further, Fig. 2 has been amended to remove the figure designations "(a) and (b)" to conform the drawings to the description in the specification.

Replacement drawings for Figs. 2, 29, 34, 38 and 39 are submitted herewith to incorporate the required changes.

Finally, the specification has been amended to provide the headings used in the preferred format set forth in MPEP 608.01(a).

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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